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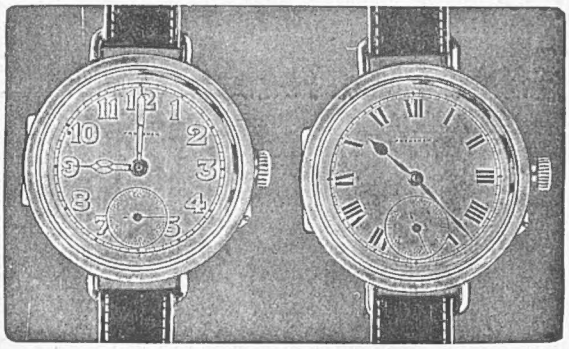

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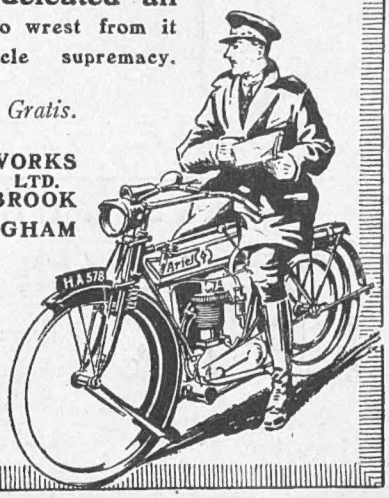

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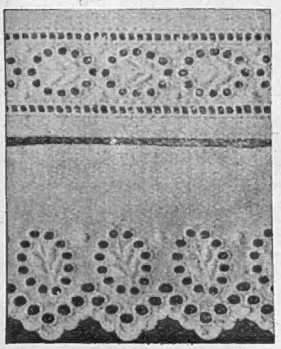

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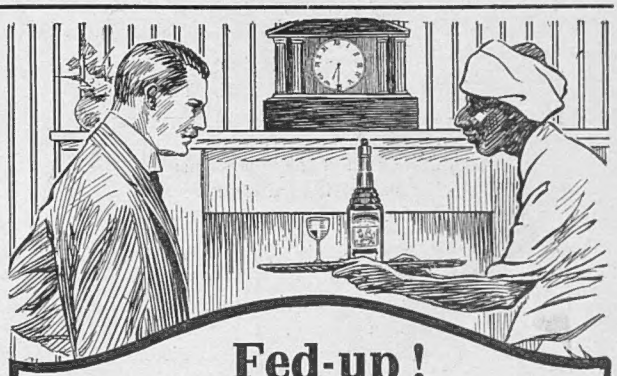

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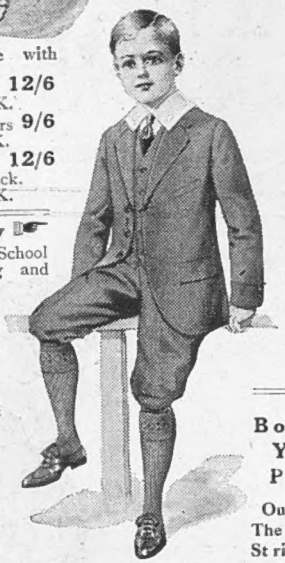

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MR. "PACIFIST DOVE": "Goin' a hoein', Mr. President?"
PRESIDENT WILSON: "Sure thing, Mr. Dove! HOHEN-ZOLLERN!"

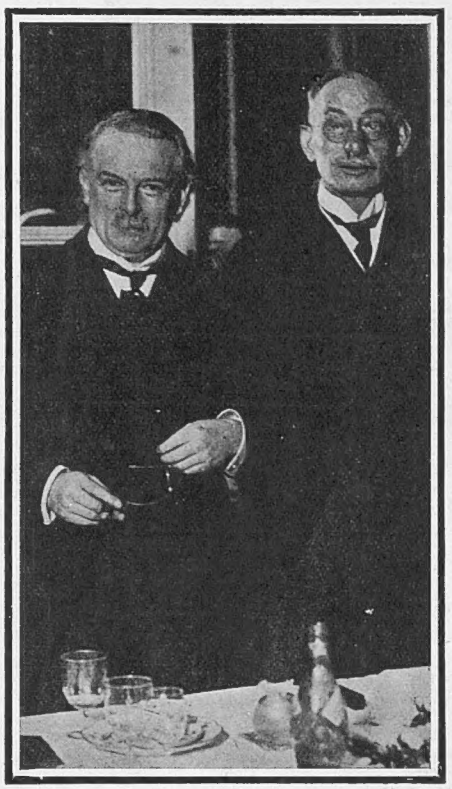
Bystander War Comments

That Line!

Notes on the Hindenburg line. The equator is an imaginary line completely encircling the earth. Hindenburg's is an emergency line in process of being pushed completely off it. Hindenburg's line, like Euclid's, has length without breadth; and from Hindenburg's point of view that is just the devil of it. Lastly, it is said (I haven't tried it) that if you draw a chalk line in front of a hen's beak held to the ground the fowl will remain there glued and hypnotised by the line. Hindenburg's line is buckling everywhere the British hit at the front; but at home it hypnotises the Jeremiah press writers till they write of it as if they were indeed glued on their knees before it, trembling. Might they be reminded that Haig's very first official reference to the famous line was that he was astride it?

Vimy Ridge

So much for Hindenburg's line. His hymn, there is reason to believe, is "We nightly pitch our moving camp a day's march nearer home"; and the night it was struck on Vimy Ridge and pitched only when the Canadians stopped hustling it was a blow that shook not only Hindenburg, but the House of Hohenzollern, as history will relate. The Kaiser, by the way, is preparing for history by giving to the Berlin Museum the gold pen with which he signed the mobilisation order in July, 1914. Berlin is welcome to it. The British Museum will be quite content with the pen with which he signs his abdication—if the people give him time to.



A PAGE OF HISTORY, BY GEORGE

The American Ambassador, Dr. Page, and the guest of the day, Mr. Lloyd George, at the American Lunch at the Savoy last week

The Late Mr. R. E. Vernède

We regret to record that a brilliant writer, whose work often appeared in The Bystander—2nd Lieut. Robert Ernest Vernède, of the Rifle Brigade—has given his life in the service of his country. Mr. Vernède will be remembered by our readers as a writer of bright little articles on various social subjects, generally ranged under the title of "The Look of Things"; but though he also wrote novels and a book or two of travel, his claim to the fame that may endure will rest mainly upon his talent for verse. Much of this was real poetry, and of the kind that makes a stirring and universal appeal because it fulfils the condition that poetry should be the quiet after-expression of the things self-experienced and deeply felt. Mr. Vernède's death will be mourned by many others than his personal friends.

"N.S. Posters"

A little inept, these National Service Posters, aren't they? I haven't seen, just lately, the one depicting a gentleman attitudinising with a heavy hammer after the fashion of Vardon on the tee, with its misleading—and in any case pointless—caption to the effect that "if you can swing a golf-club you can swing a hammer." But the two latest are, if possible, even worse. "Hands wanted," which might have been made a really appealing and telling poster, shows two wrinkled, nerveless, shrunken little hands held wobblingly forward, and looking as if they were asking alms rather than offering help; but the gem of the collection is the picture showing an armed and beefy Britannia calling on her sons and daughters to "come forward and face the grimmest menace that has ever threatened your country." And with outstretched arm and finger, as if to indicate without the possibility of mistake what this peril is, she points straight to—the N.S. monogram and badge!

War: Universal and Permanent

With the South American Republics pouring into the fray we are appreciably nearer a period of whimsical possibilities. Every nation on the face of the globe will have joined up, and the thing, I believe, will have got so colossal and so tangled that it will have to be run by an International Tribunal. Call-ups will be issued by the Tribunal in accordance with the necessities of one side or the other. The topic of one day's conversation will be the call-up of a million Esquimaux and of the next the big comb-out in the forests of Peru and on the shores of Victoria Nyanza.

Bread and Circumstances

I heard a man say a really wise thing about the threatened bread famine the other day. "They're charging us 2*d.* a roll at my club now. *Makes you careful, you know.*" The italics are mine. I wish they were the Food Controller's. Rising prices make people careful, and thereby automatically reduce consumption. Also, they attract to this country the wheat of the world; and then both these factors combine to send prices down with a

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"Brain-work!"

The "Kölnische Volkszeitung," in an article headed "Mars and Minerva," says: "Minerva now rules the day, the goddess of wise, calculating strategy. Hindenburg has once more given intellectual strength its place on the western front. . . . The Englishman's success in the trenches has given him an overweening confidence in Mars"

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rush. Higher-priced bread will hit some of the poor very hard; but not so hard as the no-bread which will be their fate directly the supply begins to run short and the baker starts applying the "no this without that" principle or favouring his most profitable customers.

Language Murder

Murder of the English language was in regular process long before (as I remarked the other day) the war began to shake all meaning out of half the words most commonly seen in the headlines. The kind of hideous thing I mean occurs in a newspaper report of Major Lloyd George's wedding. After the ceremony, we were told, the Prime Minister "entered" a motor-car and "proceeded" for a drive. It is the "entered" and "proceeded" that make my flesh creep. Of the same type of journalese-snobese is the fact that in newspapers a personage always "took tea" with some honoured host, never anything so vulgar as "had tea." Yet, curiously enough, if, in order to be more comfortable, the tea-taker takes off his great-coat he never "took" it off, but always "divested" himself of it. I never see this kind of language murder but I wonder whether the writer says to his wife when he gets home: "Yes, I took tea at Lockhart's, divesting myself of my overcoat as it was rather warm. I then entered a 'bus, tendering a penny for the fare, and proceeded to my residence."

There are other ways of murdering the language; and the *Daily Graphic*, which has recently made a pious protest against the increase of swearing, would no doubt thus characterise those portions of the little chats of Bairnsfather's ranker friends which THE BYSTANDER renders in discreet dashes or as "blinkin'." Unquestionably swearing has enormously increased. So has the Army. Kipling wrote years ago of the young recruit that "he learns to sling the bloodies with every word he says;" and when you get some five million men slinging them all together they naturally sound a bit. This particular epithet, indeed, has become equally so meaningless and so harmless that it scarcely counts. There are others. For the rest, there are two forms of swearing—by force of habit and by force of circumstance. The Army, and more so the Navy, illustrates the one; a bishop when he hits his thumb with the hammer typifies the other.

"REMEMBER THE 'MAINE'"

The advent of the U.S.A. into the war will put a very powerful Navy on the side of the Allies. Our picture shows a roll-call on the battleship "Maine." Spain had good cause to "Remember the 'Maine.'" Let us hope Germany will have even better

The Premier's Daughter-in-Law

Camera Portrait *Lallie Charles*

MRS. RICHARD LLOYD GEORGE

Who was married at Bath Abbey on the Saturday before Easter to Major Lloyd George, R.E., elder son of the Prime Minister, was before her marriage Miss Roberta McAlpine, youngest daughter of Mr. Robert McAlpine, of Totteridge, Herts

"IN ENGLAND-NOW!"

A WEEKLY LETTER FROM "BLANCHE"

LONDON, *April* 16, 1917.

DEAR COUSIN—

THE Land of the Star-Spangled Banner "in" with the rest of civilisation at last. . . . Really seems quite funny, doesn't it? But better late than never, I suppose. Apropos, there's been nothing funnier about the latest war-phase than Mr. Winston Churchill's killing suggestion that we should hold the war up till America's fighting-ready, which, according to the experts, will be in a matter of two years or so.

"In a Chinese hat"

THE general verdict is, of course—we *don't* think, not even as a convenience to our last and latest Ally. After all, they knew about the war as soon as we did, and that's now nearly three years ago. 'Course, as to *why* we went to war that we know's been hid from our Transatlantic cousins until *quite* lately, when the wicked Hun, greatly daring, started torpedoing *their* ships too. But for the rest—well, I can't imagine high heaven itself persuading us to hold the war up *now*.

JUST when we've really got our teeth into it, and just as we're setting them for the final greatest struggle of all that we've worked for and wept for and wearied for these last three years. . . . Which reminds me, this is our most war-like spring yet. In England now all the frills of life are very decidedly off, and though most of us go on much as if nothing particular had happened, by hook or by crook the authorities are forcing it upon us—that there *is* a war, and a very, very bitter one.

FOOD'S reaching the ultimate limit of expensiveness, and the myriad committees seem to do nothing about it. Travelling's an adventure (and a costly one at that), motoring's put an end to at last, or will be by May 1, though, no doubt, they'll make an exception for Newmarket. From the theatres comes an exceeding bitter cry thats fearfully costly artists have to play to fearfully empty houses, and that the Restricted Occupations Order will fairly do them down; but signs of destitution in the theatrical world are, as yet, anyway, few and far between. Lunch at the Carlton or Savoy or Piccadilly any day in the week, and there, helping rations down with something nice and bubbly, you'll meet the managers and the actor-people, all still in that top-hole form that *only* bloated bank balances can produce.

AND it seems to me to be a quite vastly wily idea, this new one about bringing out shows that cost next to nothing to produce, like "£150" at the Ambassadors, whose price is in its title. The less there is to pay for the more the producers pocket, naturally, for I haven't heard a whisper about charging us less for our seats. And talking of revue, how *will* this modernest form of amusement manage to carry on if America really seriously does come in? They're the mainstay of everyone of them now, those marvellously tailored, marvellously groomed ragtime singers from the States, who have succeeded our own torn-away young men of musical comedy. A female "leading gentleman," as well as that last word in holy terrors, the female "male chorus," that we now bear more or less without flinching, would fairly put the lid on our war-time trials, I think. I wonder why rows of women in male attire always look so depressingly unprepossessing. In ones and twos and carefully segregated,

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"Regiments of girls . . . only to amuse them"

"IN ENGLAND—NOW!" (*continued*)

so to speak, a young woman in breeches has attractions. I suppose the selecting people get a bit careless as to legs when they're doing the job wholesale.

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TALKING of theatres, one of my readers accuses me of being inconsistent because, though I am down on dancing in war-time, I continue to enjoy theatres. "I am venturing to write to you," she says (I am sure it is a "she," though the fact is not obvious), "because there are some points in your charming letter on the subject of dances which seem to me to require some explanation. You have lately expressed the opinion that dancing (I believe you make an exception in favour of munition girls) is not *convenable* in war-time. Yet not many weeks ago you wrote of a certain expensively staged revue which you had witnessed with considerable enjoyment. Will you satisfy my curiosity, though first let me assure you that my opinion in this matter is quite unbiassed, as neither dances nor theatres appeal to me in the least degree?

"I do go to theatres in war-time"

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"I CONFESS I cannot see why it should be any more unsuitable to 'fox-trot,' refreshed by lemonade and sandwiches, than it is to sit in the stalls and enjoy the humour of Mr. George Graves or admire the frocks of Miss Gertie Millar. Can it be, O! most feminine Blanche, that *you* do not enjoy dances and do very much enjoy theatres; or is there really such a wide difference between these two forms of relaxation? Is it presuming too far to ask for an explanation?"

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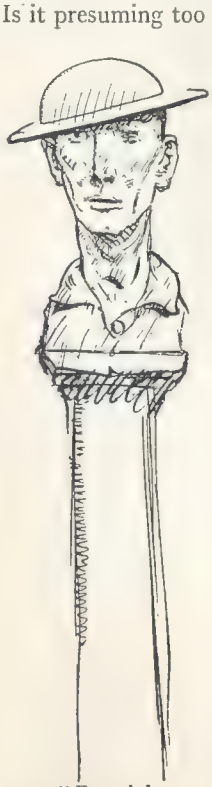

"Epstein's

NOT presuming at all, of course, but before I try to explain, here is another letter on the same subject, this one from a man who is also up against my verdict. "I read your letter on war-dances with much interest, and am sorry to differ with your views. May I give my reasons? Your 'pip-squeak lieutenant' who is baffled, with you, about the way they dance in London now, cannot know the pleasures of dancing, or the delightful anticipation of the Savoy or Ciro's, months before the expected leave, in all the mud and discomfort of the Somme.

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"I AM only one of many 'pip-squeaks' who find in dancing on leave their greatest pleasure, and to whom these restrictions and all this outcry from men and women who can't or won't dance come like a douche of cold water on one of the best means of forgetting for ten days the hell we've left behind us. Many may never dance again—may they not be allowed one short ten days of pleasure to look back upon? Surely such as I, after eighteen months of trenches, realise what we are up against? May we not seek what harmless distraction these dances provide? Because we *do* realise it, is it not our right to be permitted this simple pleasure to divert our minds while we are at home? Waterloo was not lost even though the men who won it danced at a ball on the very eve of it! From One Who Realises, but yet can dance."

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WHICH puts me in a rather difficult position, doesn't it? I mean, of course, it's the *very* last thing one wants to do—to put a ban on, or even to disapprove of, any single blessed thing that helps our fighting men to forget the horror and the hurt of war; but the trouble is, isn't it, that it's *such* a war? The men who danced in Brussels on the night before Waterloo weren't up against what we're up against; if they had been—well, we might have lost Waterloo. One grudges the men on leave nothing in the heavens above or on the earth beneath—think of the regiments of girls still here, if there is a war, only to amuse them! But sooner or later we've got to win this old war, I suppose, and if it isn't going on for *years* there isn't the time or the money, and there oughtn't to be the desire, for the gaieties of peace-time.

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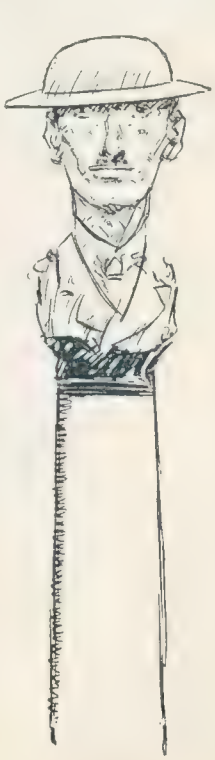
AND apart from all that, I repeat again, it isn't, it really isn't, *convenable*. Hundreds of thousands of casualties are expected in the months to come. In hundreds of thousands of homes there is agony and anxiety; the sum of pain and suffering that fills the Western world must make the high gods weep; England's fate hangs in the balance, and the weights are the brave, splendid bodies of our brothers and our lovers over there. When it is over, when this horrible holocaust of human flesh and blood is at last at an end, then let us fox-trot again, if you like. There is nothing shorter than human memory, or, anyway, public memory:

Birds shall sing in the branches,
  Children dance by the shore,
But they who shared the red reaping
  Shall come back never more.
Let whoso can forget them,
  Walking life's noisy ways;
We who have looked on the Reapers
  Go quietly all our days.



Tin-hats"

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From the Signal Book

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No. 2.—"CONTINUE ON THE PORT TACK"

BY LIEUT. ARTHUR WATTS, R.N.V.R.

"IN ENGLAND—NOW!" (*concluded*)

And as to the difference between the two forms of relaxation, dancing and theatreing—well, I do feel there is an unsuitability in the first that is not in the last, but it's a sort of instinctive feeling that's very difficult to explain. For one thing, at the theatre one is a passive participator and the show is there, an institution, whether one goes to it or not. A dance, even the lemonade and sandwich kind, has to be arranged for us, and one takes an actual, active part. I have never said that all distractions are undesirable in war-time; only that some are less suitable than others, though I quite agree that if we really understood all war means we should probably give them all a miss and turn even the smallest item of the nation's power on to the business of winning it.

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The theatre in war-time has also this excuse for existence—it is a distraction to hundreds who have no other means of amusing themselves. There may be dances for munition girls and the like on Saturday nights, but between these and *le monde qui s'amuse*, which has danced so gaily all these war-time months and days at the Savoy and Ciro's and the Grafton Galleries and places there is a vast mass of people to whom the theatre really is almost the only available form of real distraction from the weariness and the worries of everyday life. For myself, I am quite prepared to admit the impeachment that to enjoy a play or a revue and to condemn a dance is, perhaps, illogical, and also inconsistent; but there it is. I do go to theatres in war-time, but I don't dance, though of the two, if anything, I prefer to dance—in peace-time.

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And now for a short epitome of what we're doing in London now. Owing to the weather, Easter was a purgatory in town and country, and so uninviting were the elements on Bank Holiday that I heard even the picture galleries were invaded by the populace—including the Leicester one, where, at the intriguing Epstein show, I imagine what most appealed were the sculptor's two soldiermen, an officer and a private, in tin hats. There's also been a positive epidemic of minor illnesses, measles and the like, and some of the big schools were closed most of the Easter term because of it.

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The great questions of the hour, of course, are how to exist on 3 lb. of bread a week and to take—or not to take—for the war the men of forty-two and upwards. At the restaurants we're now fed again with economical bits, including those restaurateurs' joys, the silvery sardine and the alluring anchovy, which entice the diner into letting himself go and take such a very big edge off even the heartiest appetites. As to the man-power question, it will shake things up a bit, won't it, if they do collar the middle-aged ones? Can't think, for one thing, who'll pay the taxes or run the country's businesses; and, for another, you can't pay school bills, or any other sort of bills, either, on that generous seven-and-six a day we pay our officer-men (no allowance for domestic encumbrances). But there, that's war, isn't it? All that is good and sweet and natural is trampled under foot by it. An uncivilised business altogether.

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When the sun does come out again—if ever—we're to greet the daffodils in Chinese hats. And I suppose lacquer will be more "collected" than ever now that the Celestial Empire is also an Ally. But it's a splendid excuse for a patriotic new hat, isn't it?

With love, yours ever,

Blanche

A QUARREL AVERTED

SHE: "Before we were married you used to send me flowers and chocolates every week"

HE: "Very well, dear, this week, as a great treat, you shall have sugar and potatoes"

At the Top of His Voice

IN 1914 THE KAISER PRAYED *AT* HIS GOD

BUT NOW HE PRAYS *TO* HIM

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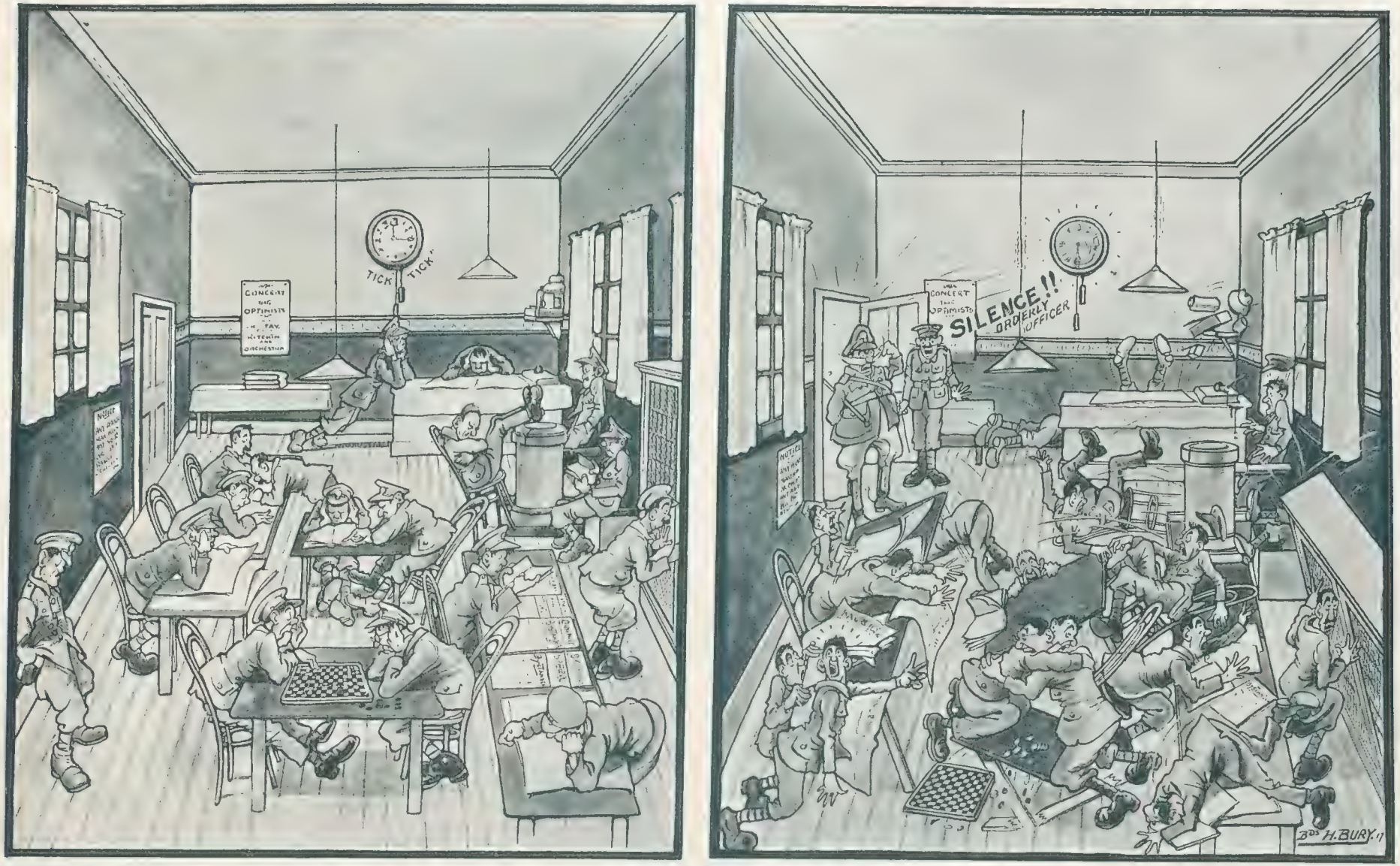

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HORRIBLE EFFECT OF TOO MUCH "SILENCE IN THE LIBRARY"

Regimental Fables

No. II.—COMPANY DRILL

And it was at Chelsea Barracks, the home of the London District School of Instruction. And the school was on parade. And the subject of instruction was company drill. And all was keenness and eagerness and nervousness. And there was a certain young captain of Kitchener's Army who was being put through it. And the company consisted of the school, together with certain Grenadier Guardsmen (who were fed-up to the teeth). And the master of all these ceremonies was a sergeant-major of the Grenadiers, a tall and stout fellow withal. "Now, sir," said he unto the young captain, "now, sir. This company is in close column of platoons and I want you to put them into line, facin' the same direction, if *you* please, sir." "Right," said the young captain; and he cleared his throat. "Cumpnee," said he. "As you were, sir," interposed the sergeant-major; "not a bit like it, sir. Not a bit. Shout, sir. Use your voice, sir. Make 'em hear, sir." The young captain was somewhat discomposed hereat, but he shouted again. "Cumpnee. Cumpnee, 'shun! Slope—Ipe!" "As you were, sir." "Can't 'ear you over 'ere, sir." "Can't 'ear you, sir." And these were the voices of other Guards sergeants—Scots, Coldstreams and Irish—from afar; loud voices by the same token. "Oh, Lord!" groaned the young captain; but gallantly once more unto the breach came he. "Slope—Ipe!" (He hated saying "Ipe!" but he had to.) And on this occasion the ipes were sloped. And then he screamed "On the left form line! Remainder, left incline; quick. . . ." "As you were, sir! As you *were!*" said the sergeant-major. "Impossible movement. Can't be done, sir!" And the young captain became emboldened, and retorted "Why not?" "Because it's an impossible movement, sir," replied the sergeant-major. "Well, I don't see it," said the young captain. And the company became interested. "Don't you see, sir, that it's form fours, left," said the sergeant-major, "That's one way," remarked the young captain, "but surely mine's as good." "No, sir, it isn't in Infantry Training, nineteen hundred *and* fourteen, sir." "But even then," said the young captain. . . . "Don't you see, sir, that if you did it your way, the right guide of number two platoon would bash into the middle of number one platoon?" "No, I don't think so," said the young captain. (And, indeed, it did not look at all necessary that the right guide aforesaid should do any such thing.) "I tell you what, sir," went on the sergeant-major, "although I don't approve of mucks-up on parade, but to demonstrate to you, sir, that what I say is correct, sir, you try it your way." And he gently winked his left eye at the right guide of number two platoon, who was a Guardsman also. And being a Guardsman he understood. It payeth to understand your sergeant-major at Chelsea. "Go ahead, sir," said the sergeant-major. And the young captain went ahead. "On the left form line; remainder left incline; quick march!" The Grenadier right guide carefully selected a young and rather truculent sergeant of the New Army, whom he liked not, and on whom he had had his eye for some time, and caught him full in the centre of the back with his left knuckle; and the next six

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THE RULING PASSION

ADJUTANT: "What the blazes do you mean by semaphoring the battery to cease fire?"
PRIVATE POTASH: "I vos not semaphore—I vos talking about beezness after the war!"

REGIMENTAL FABLES (concluded)

files on his left did similar things with the six files on the left of the young and rather truculent sergeant. And it was a great muck-up, as the sergeant-major had foretold. And there was much confusion. So much, in sooth, that it was necessary to call for right markers and fall in again to re-establish order.

MORAL.—If you see it in Infantry Training, 1914, it is so (especially at Chelsea Barracks).

No. III.—THE PAMPHLET

AND it came to pass that the D.K.P. and the A.D.K.P. and the many D.A.D.K.P.'s were gathered together in full conclave. And after much deliberation they decided to issue another pamphlet. And this pamphlet was to be called Pamphlet K.P. 315. And, behold! some of the things set forth (in tense, nervous English) in K.P. 315 modified, and others even contradicted, many of the statements in K.P. 314 and in many other previous K.P.'s. And it occurred to the D.K.P. and the A.D.K.P. and the many D.A.D.K.P.'s in full conclave assembled that if by chance any of them should have occasion to say unto the young subaltern: "Why, O young subaltern, doest thou this K.P. thing *thiswise* and not *thatwise*?" that he might make reply, saluting smartly: "This K.P. matter, O great A.D.K.P., is carried out *thiswise* and not *thatwise* because it is so stated in K.P. 293, page 33, paragraph 5 (B) (2) (iii) (c), line 10. Behold! the instructions of the K.P. department are being duly executed according to the letter of the law." And it was, therefore, resolved by the K.P.'s (D., A.D., and D.A.D.) that they should wash out K.P. 293 and other K.P.'s, and they accordingly put the following at the head of D.K. 315:—

NOTE.—This pamphlet cancels D.K. 314, D.K. 314a, D.K. 314b, supplement 7 (a) to D.K. 312, D.K. 293, D.K. 293a, D.K. 293b, appendix 6 (a) (iii) to D.K. 291, D.K. 290, D.K. 173, D.K. 173a, D.K. 151, D.K. 123, D.K. 121, D.K. 121a, D.K. 121b.

And it was so.

MORAL.—Of the making of books there is no end.

RARE AND REFRESHING

"Oh, yes, mum—it's a real potato!"

Romance—1917

PASSED BY CENSOR

"Darling, every potato that I have is yours" [Engaged]

CAPTAIN BRUCE BAIRNSFATHER

STANDING EASY

VII.—TRAINS THAT PASS. By DELL LEIGH

IT was in the prehistoric days of the war, days long since forgotten, that the civilian opened his eyes in the overheated French railway carriage to find the long train jolting to a standstill. He threw off the soft rug, pushed back the green shade from the lamp, and lurched sleepily into the corridor. He lowered a steam-covered window, and leaned out into the night. Flat fields bathed in mist, a hedge or two in high relief, the clean, sweet air of pasture lands—and silence. He turned up the fur collar of his coat, and sniffed gratefully. English meadows smell like this at night—the meadows of Devon, for instance, when the Plymouth night mail stops hesitatingly outside Okehampton.

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BUT France was plunged in the deep sea of war. A few miles to the north-east of these quiet fields (had he known) lay opposing armies. Yet the night was undisturbed—oblivious.

There were subdued murmurings from compartments down the corridor, and the tail end of such sentences as "*Qu'est ce qu' y a?*" "*. . . sais rien, parbleu!*" and the sliding back of doors.

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THE Paris train was full; the crossing had been bad; it had been cold and wet; everyone was warmly tucked up—many were snoring. The train sat still, waiting. Blurred shapes of recumbent cattle a few yards off; the staccato croak of an old frog—that was all, except the mist rising from the beet fields. A lantern began to sway rearwards, and approached drunkenly up the length of the train. Its owner paused a moment beneath the window, and a throaty voice said "M'sieur?" And, in response to the obvious question, replied, gruffly: "*B'n—'sais pas, moi—une arrête, tout simplement,*" and lurched on over the wooden sleepers, presumably to confer with the demi-gods in the engine ahead. France, in that immediate neighbourhood, began to wake up as the train showed no sign of further movement. A succession of windows were lowered, and feet began to be stamped in adjacent compartments. Sleepy men began to talk, and the pungent odour of the "Maryland" cigarette became apparent.

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STILL the civilian remained head out of window, for the night and the place and the hour seemed pregnant with possibility. And then the reward came. Two forms loomed up from the void—two shapeless, indistinguishable figures, an adjacent hedge hiding their advent. They stopped, and there was a crackling of twigs as they sought a passage through to the line. Said one, as if continuing a tale:

"Yus, an' 'e says ter me, 'e says, do yer like these 'ere Egypshun cigarettes, and 'e 'ands me a boxful—blimey! I didn' 'arf pinch a few, I give yer *my* word."

THERE was a pause and a grunt, as the speaker pushed himself through the undergrowth, his companion following.

"Bill—oh!" said the voice again, "mind the telegraph wires; wot's the matter with climbin' up 'ere an' 'avin a squint rarnd, eh?"

Thus marauding England on her unlawful occasions, and the British private soldier in particular in any place!

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THE civilian, smiling in the darkness, raised his voice and made suggestions not unconnected with a rapid dive into the carriage, followed by the "quirrrk" of a cork. Two figures sat hunched on the footboard, legs dangling contentedly.

Yes, they were outside "Something Ferrière;" trains often got stopped here. How long? Oh, matter of an hour sometimes—or minutes, you could never tell. What were they doing? Just guarding that bit of line; there was a bridge not far off, and the 'Uns—well, you never know, do you?" "Another pull?"

"Thanks, guv'nor, don't mind if I do. Proper liquor, this is. Goin' t'ave one, Bert?" Then silence.

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A MATCH disclosed two excessively dirty, but contented, men, cigar in mouth. Mud-plastered and with a three-days' beard on their faces; but the eyes were bright and steady, and there was a look of complete efficiency about them both. Meanwhile there was a French train at a standstill, a mug of a civilian with old Scotch in a bottle and some cigars the like of which had never before come their way. Followed rapid questions pertaining to London and how things were. Yes, they had come out with the original lot, but that was of no interest (except to the civilian); what *they* wanted to know was the happenings of their little, and now sadly neglected, world. Was it true that Freeman had signed on for the Spurs? What was all this about increased separation allowances? Was it true they were building trenches right across the 'Urst Park racecourse—"a dam shaime that 'ud be, an' no mistake."

"Oh, yus, they were orlright. Funny place, France, though—queer kind of a lingo they speak; can't expect a man to understand it."

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THE staggering lantern reappeared up the line. There had been the "clack" of a falling signal and a faint hiss of preparatory steam. The two figures dropped silently to the ground, and the hedge and the night swallowed them once more. The train slid silently away again towards Paris.

From the void spoke a cockney voice ". . . an' if you've got any more o' these 'ere smokes next time y'er passin' we sharn't keep yer waitin', eh, Bert?"

"Not 'arf."

And they laughed loud into the night.

But the civilian went back to his over-heated carriage, feeling oddly uncomfortable about himself.

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TO DESTRUCTION OF—

(1) CHAULNES. (2) COURCY. (3) BOISLEUX AU MONT. (4) LASSIGNY

Four of the French villages left in ruins by the retreating Germans. It must not be supposed that the churches of Chaulnes and Courcy have escaped the fate which we see has befallen those at Lassigny and Boisleux—the ruins just happen not to have come into the picture, that's all. Little wonder that the normally smiling Frenchman is becoming transformed into a stern-visaged avenger, or that he intends to see that his account is paid *Official Photographs*

An Honourable Peace

GERMANY'S spokesmen have announced that they desire an honourable peace. This sudden craving of the German mind for something honourable at the eleventh hour must, at least, be interpreted as a sign of grace.

Apparently the condition precedent to any peace negotiations is a decision as to who began the war. With the laudable view of settling the question once and for all, His Excellency Count Czernin, the Austro-Hungarian Foreign Minister, has obligingly come forward with the facts. Germany was wantonly attacked, and has merely waged a war of defence ever since; and that, as the classic phrase cogently puts it, is that!

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IT is now, of course, common knowledge that in August, 1914, England unexpectedly rushed a large army through Belgium, a neutral country, and attacked Germany by way of Liége; and Germany hadn't done a thing! Totally unprepared as she was, however, Germany mustered all the forces at her command, and succeeded in driving the invader back. When it comes to a discussion on peace, the great thing is to be able to start with the truth on your side. Germany has, therefore, won the war; and it is only the wickedness of her enemies that prevents a state of blessed peace and harmony from prevailing to-day throughout the world.

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GERMANY is anxious to discuss peace, but it is clearly to be understood that frivolous side-issues are not to enter into the argument. For instance, the farcical suggestion has been made that Russia should have Constantinople. Apart from the unconscious humour of the suggestion, could anything be more wicked than the wish to turn the poor, dear Turk out of the land of his fathers? Besides, Germany has already annexed the place, so the question is not even a debatable one.

"THE THINKER" (*With apologies to M. Rodin*)

THE discussion of peace terms is complicated by the fact that the rather assertive gentlemen who speak for Germany are not recognised by the enemy as qualified so to do; and that is such a pity, isn't it? The French have already, on paper, deprived the German Emperor of his exalted rank. They speak of him now as Mr. Wm. Hohenzollern, and openly hint that his future address will be No. 1, High Street, St. Helena. Ring top bell twice.

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AT the precise moment of writing, however (these revolutions are so sudden nowadays!) William of Hohenzollern is still German Emperor. It may be true that the Kaiser has not turned out to be the impetuous warrior he pretended to be when he rattled the sabre and shook the mailed fist. It may be true that he is given to the regrettable habit of pouring scorn on his enemies from points of assured safety well behind the battle-line. Also, the spectacle of the All-Highest Cæsar and War Lord of Europe pinching the ornaments from a lady's bedroom mantelpiece when she isn't looking may be a little at variance with accepted notions of chivalry; but if the Germans decide that the Kaiser is to continue to be their spokesman his credentials must be accepted. After all, the Germans must know the kind of person best qualified to represent them in the future Councils of Europe.

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THE Allies, therefore, can have peace for the asking if they will agree that Germany shall continue to occupy the territory she has "conquered," and will pay her out-of-pocket expenses, amounting to umteen-thousand-million pounds sterling. The sea will, of course, be free to all. Germany will merely reserve the surface for her own private use, leaving the rest for anybody who cares to have it. Of course, the German people might decide at the last moment that their revered Kaiser needs a nice, long holiday. In that case we could do a quick deal across the counter with them—a deal that would do credit to the common sense and humanity of all parties concerned.

ARNOLD GOLSWORTHY.

Fishy

FIRST TOMMY: "I'd like to know where this 'ere bloater was caught!"
2ND DITTO: "Mine wasn't caught. 'E give 'isself up!"

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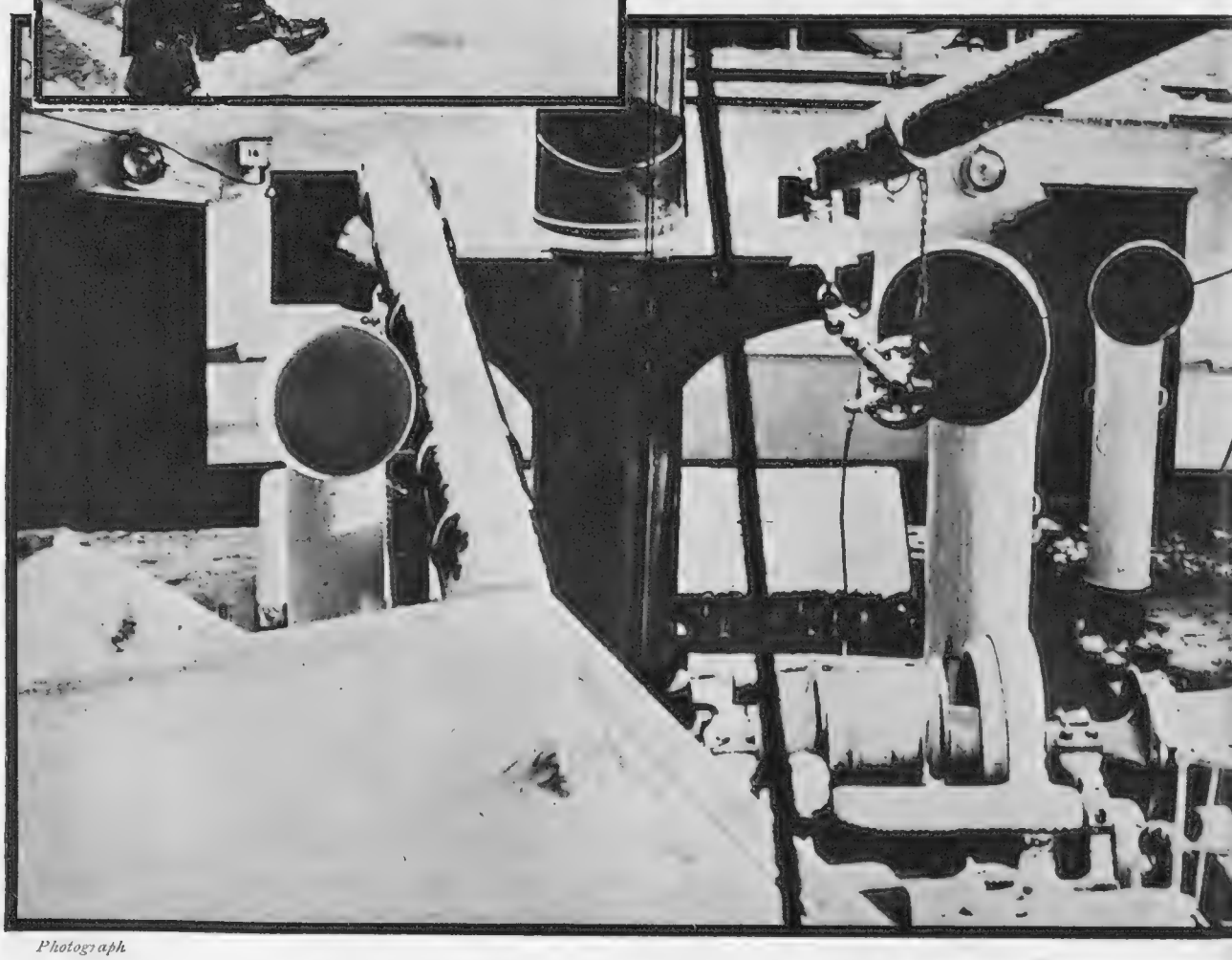

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The landsman somehow rather fails to appreciate the fact that snow falls also at sea, and therefore on ships, as well as on land. The sailor has one advantage over us: his snow does not turn to mud. But it has to be got rid of all the same; and our pictures show the way in which a fall of snow is tackled by the men of the R.N. It will

e North Sea

Sport and General

be observed that, in spite of a time of waiting lengthy enough to make grey-haired old men of them, our boys are still youthful enough to enjoy a little "scrap" with snowballs, though, doubtless, they would prefer one with missiles of heavier metal could they but find a target!

The Doom of Dynasties

COMING EVENTS CAST THEIR SHADOWS BEFORE

Shrapnel Pars

HERR BALLIN doesn't say what *kind* of peace he expects by July 1; but the Hun shipping magnate perhaps realises that the Wilson "line" is likely to do more towards settling that matter than the Hindenburg "line."

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"RUSSIA," says a member of the Duma, "must reply to Germany's hypocritical greeting with the bayonet." Even the Huns themselves couldn't complain that such an answer was lacking in point.

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ACCORDING to the faithful *Frankfurter Zeitung*, "Hindenburg has forced events into a fresh channel." Perhaps; but he hasn't succeeded in forcing the High Seas Fleet out of the same old canal.

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THERE doesn't seem to be much in the objection to female employés at Lloyd's when you remember that everything nowadays goes to show the completeness of the modern woman's equipment in the matter of assurance.

GERMANY has no quarrel with China and no wish to conquer that country. In other words, the wish is farther than the thought.

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MR. HOGGE would deprive Members of Parliament of potatoes until the British are in Berlin. What, as Mr. Billing might say, would be the percentage of potatoless days per hundred?

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MR. KENNEDY JONES says that we should leave bread, meat, sugar, and potatoes for the poor; and, we presume, a fortune with which to buy those luxuries.

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THE campaign for reducing the circulation of newspapers proceeds apace. A contemporary now advertises itself as "The Paper for Thinking People."

ADDRESSING a deputation from the inhabitants of Lithuania, Herr Zimmermann, on behalf of the Kaiser, offered freedom of action to all Lithuanians—including the right to die for the Kaiser.

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A CONTEMPORARY objects to the number of young lawyers who are seeking appointments in Government offices. It is, therefore, hoped that members of the Junior Bar will confine their attentions to applying for silk, not red tape.

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MAJOR BAIRD states in Parliamentary papers that eighty-nine aeroplanes are being offered for sale. It is said that they will cost less than a motor-car. Pity they are so expensive to keep up!

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THE Post Office authorities have issued a pamphlet free of charge containing the postal numbers of the London districts. With so much good solid reading matter to be obtained free of charge there is now really no excuse for people to persist in reading trashy novels.

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WILHELM: "What? Panama coming into the war? *Oh, my hat!*"

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THE GLOBE: "My word! I shall have *some crop* this year"

Nursery Rhymes, 1917

Ding dong bell,
The fuze was in the shell.
Who put it in?
Little Gunner Green.
Who pulled it out?
Silly Private Snout.
What a simpleton was he,
To tamper with a "dud?" H.E.
That could have done no earthly harm—
Now he must use the other arm.

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There was a G.S.O.
With a double medal row,
And a mass of scintillation on his forehead.
When he was nice he was passably polite,
But when he was nasty it was horrid.

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I had an aged charger,
His name was Timbuctoo.
I lent him to a subaltern
(A silly thing to do),
Who kicked him and thrashed him,
And even made him trot.
'Tis sad, but true, that Timbuctoo
Expired upon the spot.

LONDON NIGHTS ENTERTAINMENTS

"Suzette" at the Globe Theatre

BY "JINGLE." ILLUSTRATED BY NORMAN MORROW

This is described as "A Musical Affair," and it is a very diverting example of its kind. The bright particular star is the incomparable Gaby Deslys, with her usual wagonload of prodigious hats. One fancies that if Gaby had not become distinguished as an actress she might easily have won fame as a milliner. The opening scene, a Girls' School, is a little quiet. Suzette (Mlle. Deslys) is the good girl of the school, who loves her dear, kind mistress, and that sort of thing. Presently, Suzette learns that she is about to leave school and to be married. She at once pictures to herself the ideal bridegroom—something tall and handsome, with a large banking account, and a lovely moustache. The average schoolgirl generally begins with a dream like that; and then she wakes up and marries a fat little man with a worried look and no income to speak of.

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Presently we are introduced to the bridegroom in the case. He has got the moustache all right, and some chin-whisker to match; and as he sits on a garden seat and strokes his face it is obvious that he thinks he is something lovely. This part is taken by M. Yvan Servais, whose broken English is most amusing. He explains to Suzette that he is a rich farmer, and that her life with him will be one long round of happiness. She will get up at four o'clock in the morning and go out and feed the dear little pigs, and groom the beautiful horses; and the rest of her day will be spent in the fields doing the strenuous work of a couple of labourers whom the farmer will then be able to discharge. It is a delightful prospect for a young and romantic girl; but Suzette does not seem at all enthusiastic about it. She had been contemplating marriage, and not penal servitude; and so at the first opportunity she climbs over the garden wall, and, as the story books say, vanishes into the night.

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From this point onward the entertainment is a thing of light and liveliness. Gaby dances in a dozen different frocks, and also in hats as big as a gooseberry bush, and is delightful all the time. Mr. Harry Pilcer is, for the most part, her dancing companion. Perhaps the best dance these two have together is in the last act. Gaby appears in a gilded cage as a singing canary, while Mr. Pilcer is disguised as the voracious cat waiting to say "Ha, ha!" Another dance that stands out as remarkable is Mr. Pilcer's exhibition of a drunken man trying with unusual energy to get upstairs to bed. We are not, perhaps, accustomed to that sort of thing on the stage just now; but the dance is performed with a very nice art, and it is undeniably clever.

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An interesting surprise is Gaby's quick-change scene. Pleading a headache she curls up on a sofa in the dim light, and while we are still watching her and wondering what she will do next, she suddenly appears on the other side of the room in another new frock. Then Mr. Pilcer comes in and has a lovers' quarrel with her, after which he goes out, banging the door behind him in the proper and orthodox manner. Gaby runs after him, and closes the door more gently. The next moment the door is opened again, and Mr. Pilcer, differently attired, walks in, while Gaby gets up in a hurry from the sofa and falls into his arms, saying that she has just had a horrid dream. The illusion is quite ingenious, and is well maintained from first to last.

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The final scene of the production is, perhaps, the brightest of all. It is about a charity fête, where, of course, anything may happen. And it does. There is more dancing, and at least one excellent comic duet by Mr. Stanley Lupino and a gentleman whose name I was unable to trace on the programme. The plot of the piece is one of the well-bred sort that doesn't obtrude itself unnecessarily; and when it is entirely absent from the scene nobody misses it. The fun of the piece, chiefly in the able hands of Mr. Lupino, is of the very best, and the girls are awfully sweet. *Suzette* should be a success. JINGLE

Gaby Still Wears Those Hats

"Suzette" is a jolly little piece, mostly "Gaby" and Harry Pilcer, and kept fizzing throughout by the incomparable humour of Stanley Lupino

Wrestling for the Soul of Sweden

BY THE BYSTANDER IN STOCKHOLM

KNUT HAMMARSKJÖLD
Prime Minister of Sweden

HJALMAR BRANTING
Sweden's Socialist Leader

PRIME MINISTER KNUT HAMMARSKJÖLD and Socialist leader Hjalmar Branting are engaged in a grim wrestle for Sweden's soul. Prime Minister Hammarskjöld is Sweden's most powerful citizen, with, perhaps, one exception, and that is Branting; and Branting is Sweden's most powerful citizen, with, perhaps, one exception, and that is Hammarskjöld. The wrestle between Branting and Hammarskjöld is terrifically fierce; it has no parallel since the feud between Sweden's "Hats" and "Caps" in the demure eighteenth century; and it resembles that historic squabble because party divisions now as then are primarily determined by love or hatred of Russia.

THE feud is between pro-German Conservatives, who support Hammarskjöld and want a pro-German policy; and pro-Entente Socialists (with docilely pro-Entente Liberals under their wing), who want good relations with England and as means thereto want to throw Hammarskjöld.

THIS difference of views has come to a head in an armaments issue not visibly connected with pro or anti-Germanism; but at bottom all Swedish armaments issues are between pro-Germanism and anti-Germanism. The pro-armaments party is pro-German, Conservative, and Hammarskjöldian; and the anti-armaments party is pro-Allies, Socialist-Liberal, and Brantingian.

WHEN M. Hammarskjöld asked in February for a credit for "defence of neutrality," the united Socialist-Liberal Opposition, numbering 144 in the Lower Chamber, cut it down; while the Upper Chamber, where there are ninety Conservatives against sixty Liberals and Socialists, granted it in full. When, according to Constitutional practice, both Chambers voted together, the Conservative armaments proposal was beaten by 187 votes against 172. M. Hammarskjöld resigned, and King Gustav (Sweden's most powerful man with, perhaps, the exception of M. Hammarskjöld and M. Branting) refused the resignation, and declared that he had confidence in his Ministers and wanted no change. Hence the crisis.

OF course, the armaments vote was only the formal cause of the crisis. The real causes were the food and raw materials questions, dislike of M. Hammarskjöld's "dictatorship," and, most of all, the issue whether Sweden shall come to terms with England on questions of the blockade.

OF the food question, it is enough to say that after being rationed in bread, sugar, and coffee we are now to have only a fifth of a pound of butter a week. Factories are closing for lack of materials. The Opposition resents M. Hammarskjöld's delay in completing the draft agreement with England brought from London a month ago by Sweden's negotiators.

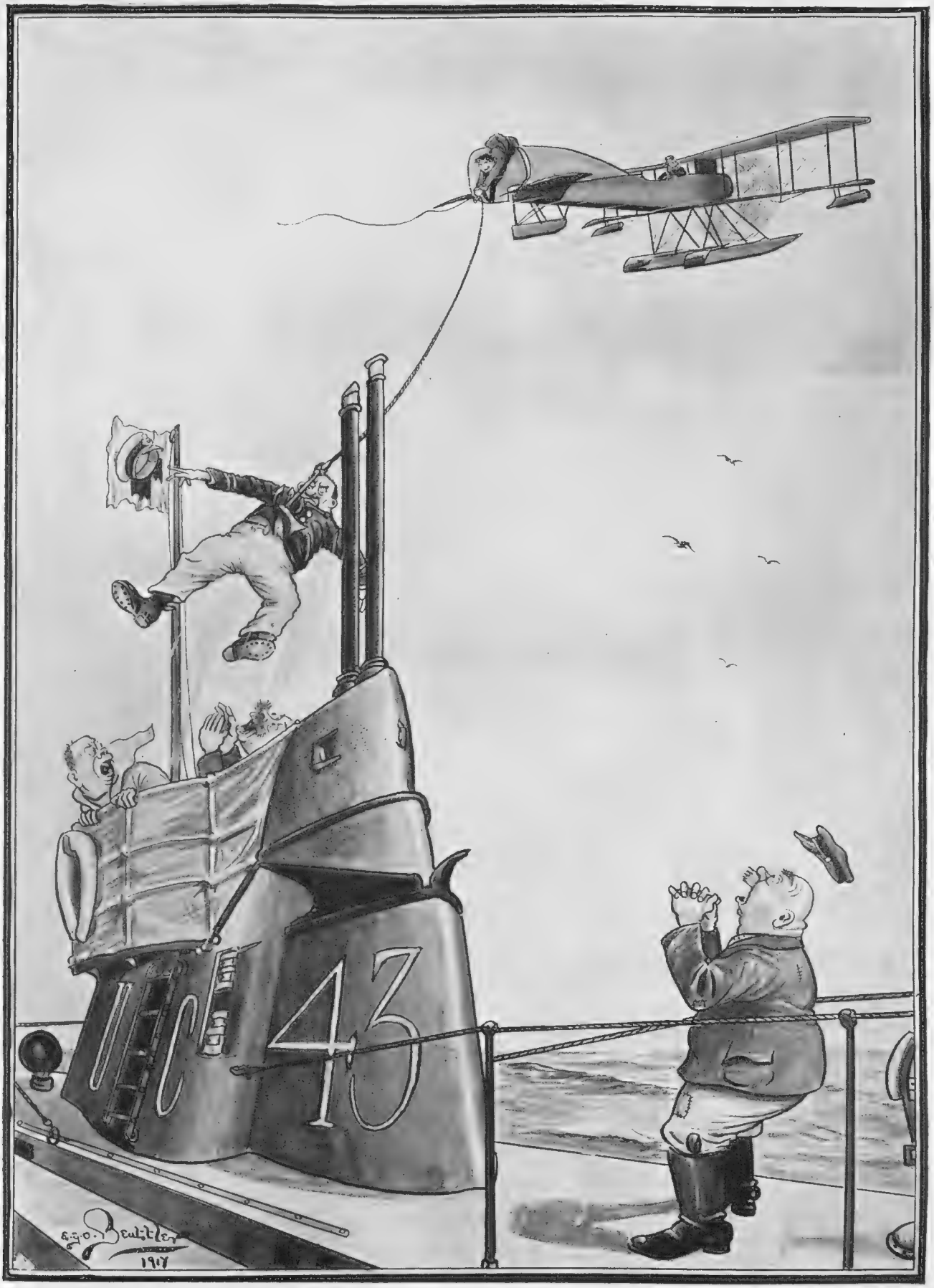
THIS is the crux. The Socialist-Liberals say that England is reasonable; that an agreement is imperative; that the Premier is unreasonable and exacting, and they add that his own Foreign Minister, Knut Wallenberg, stands for the agreement. M. Hammarskjöld's Conservative backers retort that surrender is undignified, and that it is also unprofitable.

SOCIALIST leader Branting demands agreement. Branting's achievement is that he has united and runs unchallenged the once split and helpless Socialist-Liberal Opposition. Just as Hammarskjöld is official dictator so is Branting unofficial dictator. Branting is no everyday, red-necktied Socialist. He is an Upsala University alumnus, highly cultivated, a brilliant orator, and wedded to a clever authoress; and he has even been in gaol, realising W. T. Stead's dictum that "no man who has not been in prison is worth a straw." By capturing the Liberal Party and tactically welding it with the Socialists, Branting has inflicted on Hammarskjöld a first defeat.

DAILY the struggle takes a more pro-German *versus* pro-Entente character. Hammarskjöld's Conservatives swear that the Opposition's motive is "Entente-Activism" (Activism being a desire for fighting on either side). The Socialist-Liberal Opposition retorts that the real Activists are M. Hammarskjöld's Conservatives, who want to force Sweden to fight for Germany. The fact that both parties fling "Activist" as the worst reproach shows that both thoroughly understand Sweden's desire to keep out of the war.

THE Bystander in Stockholm thinks that Hammarskjöld will stay, perhaps with a reconstructed Cabinet. But Branting (Sweden's most powerful man with, perhaps, the exception of M. Hammarskjöld) will not abandon the struggle. A general election of the Lower Chamber in a few months will decide whether Hammarskjöld or Branting is to run Sweden; and whether Sweden shall be officially a pro-German or anti-German kingdom.

"Horrendum Monstrum et Horrible Visu"



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No. 2.—A BRITISH SEAPLANE EXTRACTING THE POISON-FANG

BY LIEUT. E. G. O. BEUTTLER

The Truth About the Invasion

BY VIVIAN CARTER

"Ah, Frederick!" said Wilhelm the Wicked to the Court Chamberlain, who had come to give him the morning's domestic news budget, "what bad news do you bring this morning? The worst first, please, as usual."

"Certainly, sire. The worst this morning isn't so very bad—merely that the city of Spitzfeld is starving, and no supplies can be brought up in time to prevent a heavy death-roll."

"Then we really must hang Batocki."

"That will not save Spitzfeld, sire."

"True. The population of Spitzfeld, Frederick?"

"Sixty thousand, sire. To proceed. Thirty regiments on the western front have revolted, and are in custody."

"Next, Frederick."

The Chamberlain looked down his list.

"Not much else at home, sire. For your information it is stated that the number of British prisoners of war is now thirty thousand."

The Kaiser frowned.

"Thirty thousand troops revolted; thirty thousand British prisoners. Together they equal the population of our starving city of Spitzfeld. But these traitors and our brutal enemies will be fed with good German food—why do you smile like an idiot, Frederick?—I say with good German food, while our faithful and devoted citizens—really, you grin like a gorilla, Frederick!—I say while our faithful and devoted citizens of Spitzfeld starve like dogs. It must not be. We shall dispose of the sixty thousand useless mouths, and the food we shall thus save will be available for the citizens."

"But you cannot dispose of half of that sixty thousand, sire—I mean the prisoners. The British have twice the number of good Germans, and they will retaliate."

The Kaiser gave a gesture of contempt.

"The British," he grunted, "are—ha, ha, ha!—*gentlemen*. They will not retaliate, but only protest to the neutrals who remain. Besides, Frederick, I did not say that *we* should *kill* the British prisoners."

He laughed again, and looked satanically inscrutable.

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The mutinous German division from the western front having been disarmed, its members took their places in cattle-trucks, and set forth on an interminable cross-country journey, lasting days and nights, and finally ending on the Pomeranian plains.

"Where are we?" asked Mutineer Fritz, sleepily, as they stopped at a desolate station. "Doberitz? What's that?"

"You ignorant blockhead. Is it not the greatest prisoners of war camp in Germany—where our brothers the British are looked after."

"Then why the devil do they bring *us* here? We aren't British. If we were we shouldn't be so damned hungry, and our families wouldn't be starving as mine is, I hear, in Spitzfeld."

"Probably we're brought here to be shot," answered Karl, humming to himself the "Dead March."

They were formed into columns and marched far across the plains, towards what they had expected—a vast mass of riflemen, who stood at attention in the distance.

Then an order was given that the men obeyed without understanding.

"Open ranks! *Discard uniforms* and roll them up at your feet."

"They're going to massacre us in our shirts," muttered Fritz, "so, I suppose, that they may save our uniforms for other poor devils. I hope they'll be quick about it, so that I may not be kept too long away from my beloved Gretchen, who starved to death last week and is now in heaven. It was for that that I mutinied."

"And we also," said the rest as they disrobed, "for our Gretchens."

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"There seem no end of Boches around these parts," reported Corporal Jack Ramsden to his section in the British prisoners' camp at Doberitz. "When I was out pulling carrots I saw thousands of 'em marching across the plain."

"Either a working gang or—well, there's been rumours of mutiny. If so, can't see why they bring 'em up here. There's barely enough food for us. Unless—it's occurred to me! Unless they're going to let us out and fill the quod with their own stuff."

They messed, and just as they had finished the German orderly officer entered, and to the men standing at attention he gave an order which caused the prisoners to raise their eyebrows and smother exclamations of astonishment.

"Every man," he said, "is to discard the uniform or whatever he is wearing and parade in the yard in his underclothes."

"What Hun atrocity is this?" asked a Tommy. "Do they mean to give us new uniforms of German make? If so, *I* don't want to be sent home. My old people'd die of shock."

"*I'd* go home naked, with pleasure," remarked another.

As the queer order to disrobe was being executed so was something else—an execution that was unseen but by no means unheard. A terrific volley of rifle-fire repeated again and again came from the neighbourhood of the plains bringing back to the prisoners memories that they had hoped would never recur in life.

"What's the firing?" asked one of another.

"Shouldn't be surprised if those chaps were mutineers," said Corporal Ramsden, "and they're potting 'em off. Perhaps it'll be our turn next. And I'm an only son."

"You was always a hoptimist, Jack," remarked a companion. "Like that bloomin' paper your guv'nor prints in London. Always bright and cheerful."

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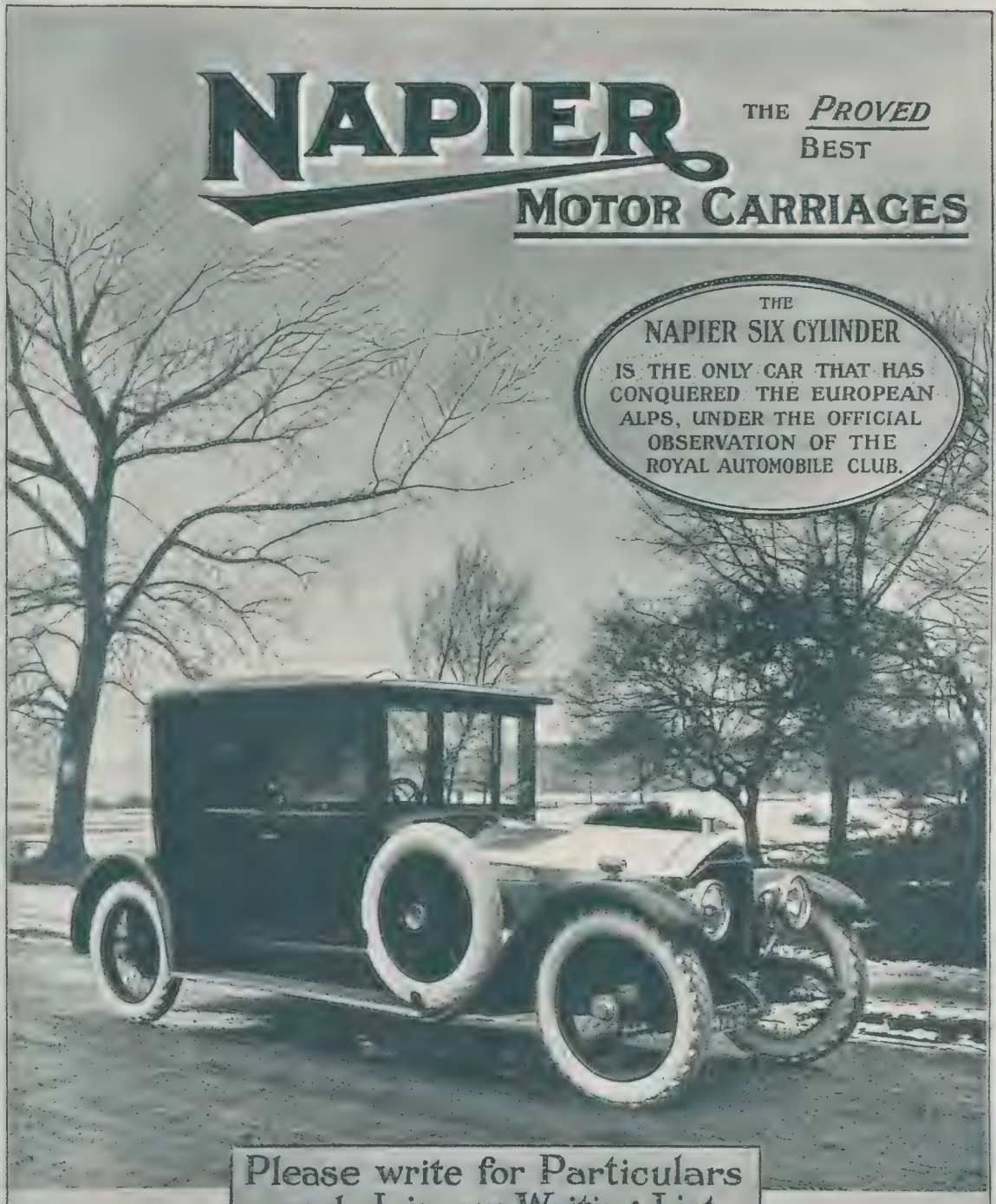

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BYSTANDER SHORT STORY (concluded)

The volleys suddenly stopped. They had done their work. The order was given to the prisoners, shivering in their shirts, to form columns and march. For the first time since incarceration they passed out of the prison and marched across the plain, to be halted in sight of the terrible thing that Ramsden had guessed. In the distance they saw acres and acres strewn with objects they did not fail at once to recognise as dead bodies, and standing at a discreet distance from their victims were the executioners.

"It *was* a mutiny," said Ramsden, "and now I guess they're going to shoot us. They've often threatened it. If any of you fellows get off, tell my mother——."

His choking voice was stopped by a sharp order. They wheeled round the stricken field of death, and on the other side were confronted with another sight; a space equally vast was occupied with what could be seen to be uncountable rows of piled-up uniforms of field-grey, neatly spaced apart.

But whatever the order that was to be given there was little fear of it being disobeyed. For the riflemen who had made short work of the mutineers were standing ready to obey any other orders to be given.

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The foreman printer of the London *Daily Dazzle* had just put the country edition of his "baby" to bed when an urgent telephone call came to him.

On taking the message, he presented himself to his chief, the managing editor.

"Call up of the Volunteers, sir," he said. "Must go at once."

"Well, Ramsden," said the chief, "I wish I was going with you. But somebody's got to stop at home and tell the tale of what you're going to do. And I hope you'll do it well."

"That'll be all right, sir. By the way, if anything should happen to me—it's not likely, but it's possible—there's a favour I've got to ask. You know the lad Jack, sir, the one that's over there at Doberitz. You'll look after him if you can while he's there, and after he comes back—if he ever does."

"That's all right, Ram. Good luck to you."

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The editor of the *Daily Dazzle* pored over the first official account of the invasion as it came over the tape.

"Great Scott!" he said to his chief sub., "it's at Cuttlefish-on-Sea. Shouldn't be surprised if old Ramsden's in the thick of it, after all. His lot are down there somewhere. Say, Jimmy, listen to this. Doesn't it chill your sluggish Scottish blood?

"'A strong force, numbering at least a division, landed uninterruptedly at Cuttlefish, and advanced early this morning towards Chelmchester, where it was met by our advance guards. After a brisk engagement the main forces came into contact, with the result that the enemy advance forces surrendered as one man. A notable fact about the prisoners, who wore worn-out and abominably fitting "field-grey" uniforms, is that all of them were noticed to speak English like natives.'"

The tape ticked on, and then came the sequel.

"Our forces are well in the rear of the invaders, and it is expected that the entire force will capitulate before nightfall. The demeanour of the prisoners continues to excite comment owing to their facetious familiarity not only with the English tongue, but also with the locality, which is famed as a holiday resort."

"This is rather odd, Jimmy," said the editor. "What d'you make of it?"

"Ah've been thinkin'," said Jameson.

"Well, we'd better get to press with what we've got."

"Ah've been thinkin' we'd better no'," said the sub., "for if what ah'm thinkin' the noo is right, ah'm thinkin' the Censor will soon be thinkin' he'd better kill the whole story."

"The devil, you old time-server! It'll be the best we've had for months. Hearten the public no end."

"It'll no' be much of a heartener if what ah'm thinkin' is the truth. We'd better bide a wee. Ah'll come back in an 'oor."

The editor went on with his leading article on the rout of the invaders, and in an hour the sub-editor returned. At that moment a special Government call came for the editor, which the sub. listened to with considerable self-satisfaction.

"Nothing about invasion to appear. Cancel."

Next day there was a question in the House, at which the Leader was asked to state what were the facts about the stories of an invasion.

"No knowledge exists," was the reply, "of any Germans landing at any point on our coasts."

A smile was stationed on the dour face of Jameson.

"For once," he said, "an official statement is the unvarnished truth. No *Germans* have landed."

"Do you mean there's been a hoax? But, man, I know of actual casualties, and a man at the club was telling me at lunch——."

"Ah ken the mon," said Jameson, drily, "but I've come to tell ye there's a young fellow ootside who wants to see ye badly, and ah'm havin' him shown up."

A lad of about twenty entered, clad in a mufti suit, pale and worn, but with a smiling face.

"Seem to know your face," said the editor "Who's this note from?"

"From father," said the youth.

"And who's father?" said the editor, and he read:

"DEAR CHIEF,—You said you'd look after the lad if anything happened to me. Well, something has happened—I was injured in the fighting of last Monday. One of the prisoners while he was surrendering dropped his rifle on my right foot, and I'm at home nursing it. The "invader" happens to be the bearer of this note—my only son Jack, whom you said you'd kindly look after."

"*You* one of the invaders?" said the editor. "Explain, please."

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"Done," laughed the editor. "Three columns. And sit down and write it at once."

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"The flutter caused in manly bosoms by a smart young foot-girl"

Echo Answers, What?

IF the war were to go on for a generation or two, which heaven forbid, what would women's work be at the end of it? And what would now be regarded as suitable work for women, supposing that they had always been encouraged, or even permitted, to turn their minds and hands to anything that struck their fancy?

"Our socks would be darned and our babies rocked by a comfortable middle-aged man"

Close Corporations

EVEN now certain autocratic occupations, such as barristering and driving taxies, are barred to women. It is odd, when you come to think of it, that a woman should be deemed capable of driving a motor-lorry, a delivery-wagon, an ambulance, or a high-powered car and yet be denied the humble taxi-cab; but perhaps taxi-driving has intricacies and difficulties that we wot not of. It is even probable that a woman taxi-driver might not be able to do full justice to such public-houses as adjoin her rank or haunt her route. That, of course, would constitute a real disability.

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Unwomanly Work

AS for the law, it is obviously, by its practitioners, not considered a ladylike occupation. It is womanly enough, in these days, to scrub a floor, plough a field, carry boxes at a railway station, make shells, or rivet the plates of ships; but the drawing up of a will, the conveyancing of an estate, instructing counsel, or pleading a case in court is so awful to contemplate in connection with a mere female that the average lawyer holds up his hands in horror at the bare idea. So dreadful to think of a legal light returning from active service somewhere in France to find himself briefed by a lady solicitor! Quite takes one's breath away, does it not? Or so the stay-at-home lawyer seems to think.

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Masonic Mysteries

I SUPPOSE there must be something inherently horrible in the legal profession, something carefully hidden from laymen, for its members to display such consternation and resentment at the suggestion that women be admitted to their midst.

You might as well propose, it would seem, to permit women to become Freemasons. But, of course, if women were admitted to the lodges masonic dinners would no longer afford so good an excuse for respectable married men to spend a convivial evening away from the bosom of their families. Can it be possible that the same thing holds good of the law? That would explain a great deal.

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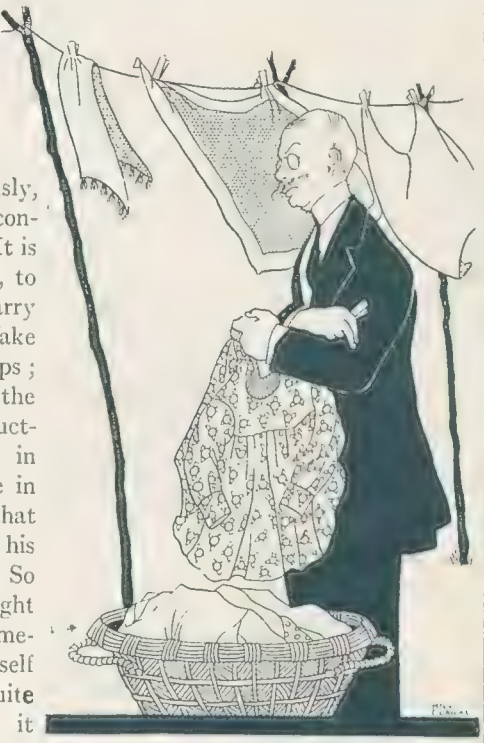
The Bedside Manner

ON the face of it, one would hardly suppose that the drawing-up of settlements, contracts, etc., and the writing of letters at six-and-eightpence each could be much more difficult to master than, let us say, the practice of medicine or surgery. The ordinary prescription is quite as cryptic to the lay-



"Hanging out the children's clean pinafores to dry while the wife tilled the neighbouring fields"

man's eye as a legal document, though usually much shorter, and the extraction of money from a client's purse can surely be little more arduous than the removal of foreign bodies or unwholesome growths from his or her anatomy. Perhaps women are considered incapable of assuming the professional jocularity of counsel or the omniscient gravity of the solicitor; but none of these accomplishments may be so essential as is made out.

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A Case for Portia

WOMEN seem to have succeeded pretty well in the medical

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"IF THE WAR GOES ON" (concluded)

profession. The war has at last given them the chance to show what they can do. I have heard of no complaints from the patients treated in hospitals entirely manned by women. If women were given a fair opportunity to practise law they might, quite conceivably, prove themselves equally competent in that field as well. After all, a modern Portia is no more incredible a figure than a lady doctor.

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A Question of Practice

It is quite possible that if women had, during the past few centuries, been permitted to exercise their activities in whatever way they chose, we should long since have been accustomed to a state of society like the present, only very much more so. It is true that men are less adaptable than women, but hundreds of years of practice in the gentler pursuits must, in the end, make perfect even the most recalcitrant male. We should have our housemen, our sempsters, our lady's and kitchen men, our flower-boys, our bearded manicurists, our char and washermen.

"Masonic dinners would no longer afford so good an excuse"

If War Goes On—

Our socks would be darned and our babies rocked by a comfortable, middle-aged man. Rosy-faced youths in caps and aprons would wheel perambulators parks, and a competent male nurse would preside over the sickroom. Of course, we should have to keep a wary eye on the attraction exercised over the male portion of our staff, the flutter caused in their manly bosoms by a smart young foot-girl or chauffeuse. We should see the father of the family washing up dishes, getting dinner, and hanging out the children's clean pinafores to dry while his wife tilled the neighbouring fields. We should see monsieur consulting his cook, doing his shopping, trying on at his tailor's, and paying calls while madame spent the day in "chambers" or at her office in the City. We should see the blushing male *débutant* chaperoned by father to his first ball, and the effect of his innocence and budding charms on the *blasé* girl-about-town. In fact, heaven knows what we should see. And we may see it yet, if the war goes on for forty years or more. EFEMERA

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Pity the Poor Civilian

By H. DENNIS BRADLEY

IN the long-forgotten days of peace there lived a Civilian. He paid his rates and taxes, ran his business at a profit to himself and to the country, did not ill-treat his wife, and generally had a good conceit of himself—poor fool!—as a patriotic Citizen and a Commercial Asset to the Empire.

Then war came.

In the first flush of war-fever he determined to become a soldier, and after skipping about like a middle-aged Cupid clothed in a wrist-watch, being prodded in tender places, and being looked at severely in the mouth—a rude thing to do even with a gift horse—he was bluntly labelled "unfit."

So he went back to his business, and was comforted by a speech about "silver bullets," and once again began to fancy himself as a Commercial Asset.

Taxes were raised and raised again, and he paid them cheerfully. War Loans were floated and he subscribed to them, and little by little he began to regain some of his old self-respect as a mere civilian. Ministers thundered for more sacrifices, more War Loans, and he worked like a devil at his business because of those "silver bullets."

And, above all, he refrained from criticism of the Powers That Be, for someone had told him that criticism at such a time was unpatriotic.

The Coming of the Bureaucrats

He had been told that the war was a war of attrition. And he soon realised it. All his fit employees had joined the colours and had been encouraged by him to do so; then they called from him the previously rejected, which he could not understand, because his business was one of National Importance.

And so, sick at heart and worried to death about the silver bullet supply—for in his childlike way he persisted in connecting finance with commerce, even though that distinguished war-worker, Bernard Shaw, in his airy way, had dubbed him a "commercial cad," he began to haunt the corridors of great ex-hotels in order to find out what was really wanted of him.

For months he haunted these lordly places, because he really wanted to find out whether he was a National Asset, and if not, where he should go to milk cows. But nobody knew, so he went out and subscribed to the new War Loan, and thought, and thought, and thought, and thought.

And the worst of it is that too much of this tale is strictly true.

The Orgy of Inefficiency

We are at war with despotism, and yet it has seemed good to our rulers to bind the nation with chains. Never in all history had Great Britain been placed under such restrictions as to the liberty of the subject or individual enterprise.

The nation has accepted them patiently, patriotically, in the belief that they were necessary, and that blunders are inevitable.

The Bureaucrats have presumed on their immunity from criticism, and unless the waste of time, money, and men is checked, official Bumbledom put in its place, the reckless orgy of extravagance stopped, the country will soon be in as bad a financial plight as Germany.

The insane commandeering of great buildings, to be filled with enormous staffs doing incompetent work, is but one glaring example of too many. In Paris the Ministry of Munitions, the efficiency of which is one of the wonders of the war, is housed in one small building; in this country they would not hesitate to take over Westminster Abbey as an annexe

An army of officials has been created and invested with autocratic powers; to whom they are responsible and the nature of their responsibility is unknown, even to the man whose business they are able to abolish with a stroke of the pen. Certainly the responsibility is not to Parliament, which has ceased to exist for all practical purposes.

At this moment we are the most despotically governed country in the world. We are liable to be turned out of house and home if some Bureaucrat finds himself in an expensive mood, but, while money is demanded from us unceasingly, our businesses, from which that money is to accrue, are hampered with irritating and unnecessary interference.

In fighting a dangerous despotism abroad, we are blundering at home into a state of affairs which will soon be equally dangerous. It has not even the merit of efficiency.

The last wonderfully successful War Loan of £1,000,000,000 is already spent. What will happen if business is not maintained and encouraged?

The nation has been told to economise: *quis custodiet ipsos custodes?*

The Last Penny

The finance of Britain has saved her and has saved the Allies. The Bureaucracy must remember that not only are they unproductive of money, but are a heavy charge on the country, whilst the commercial community are not only financing the war, but are maintaining Britain's credit.

In expressing my views, I lay claim to a certain amount of disinterestedness, for the business of Pope and Bradley which I control is entirely engaged on military work, and is beyond argument of National Importance. I seek, however, to protect all commercial interests, which are of the utmost value to the country at the present time. Each profitable private business is, I contend, a national asset of increasing value and importance.

Logic will in all probability prevail in the end, but at the moment, I confess, I lie in fear of the day when a Ministry of Economy will be appointed and housed in the Ritz.

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MRS. ALICE PERRIN

The author of "Separation," a tale of Anglo-Indian Life and Conditions, reviewed on this page

The Lonely Man

In Guy Bassett, Mrs. Perrin sketches a pleasant, enthusiastic young man in one of the works departments. His wife, Clara, loathes India and pines for home. There is one little girl who, sooner or later, will have to go to England. What is the man to do? He accompanies his wife and child to England, and temporarily accepts a post in London; but his heart is in India, and when the summons comes he goes. Clara and the little girl remain. The years pass, and what happens? The situation allows Mrs. Perrin to weave a story about poor Guy. His sufferings may be imagined, and they are not less when the call comes also to his daughter. In what way, however, the drama works itself out it would be unfair to divulge. Mrs. Perrin's men and women (to say nothing of her children) are always so interesting, even when they happen to be a little odious, like Miss Finch, that her books are always sure of their readers. And with their intimate pictures of Anglo-Indian life in mind, I can imagine few more suitable gifts for a man about to enter the Indian Civil Service than a complete set of Mrs. Perrin's novels.

Mr. J. C. Powys

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There is much to criticise in it. In the first place it is unnecessarily long—over seven hundred pages. In the second place, it is irritatingly verbose. For so good a critic of English literature as Mr. Powys has proved himself to be to go out of his way to be flowery and Johnsonesque is not a little strange. In the third place, it is a pity that in his endeavour to illustrate the eternal battle that rages between the Will to Power and the Will to Love, he should have chosen so many unpleasant people. In the Wessex village, indeed, which forms the background of his romance, there is hardly a man or woman really normal. Mr. Powys seems drawn to the perverse. Yet the psychology of each character is on a par with Mr. Powys's earlier experiments on his own. In the course of these seven hundred pages you do find yourself becoming on extraordinarily intimate terms with every one of his characters. Your heart does not go out to them, but you know and understand their passions and fears.

Psychology

The book, in fact, is a triumph of psychology, but of a psychology by no means of the normal. There is very little health in this Wessex village. On the other hand, the romance itself is interesting, and there are passages of real drama very movingly described. Your chief irritation, I fancy, will be against the choice of characters. Luke Andersen, the amorous stone-carver, and the poor, squashed Lacrima may stand for the author's conception of the two opposite wills, but they were an unfortunate selection. *Wood and Stone*, then, will not be to the taste of all readers. It is undoubtedly unpleasant in parts, but its insight into the baser, or, to use Mr. Powys's word, more perverse, human motives is sometimes truly astounding.

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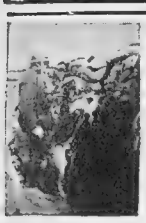

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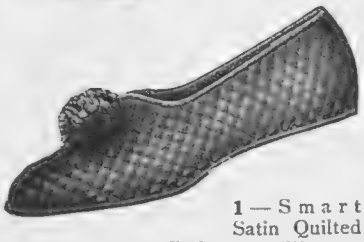

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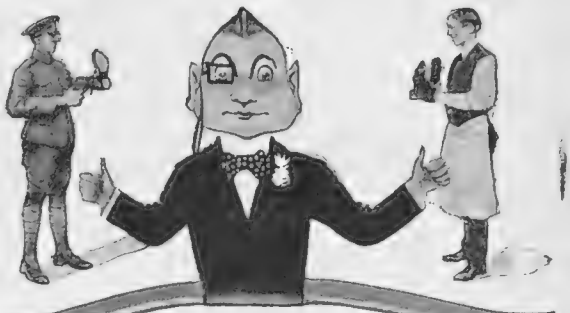

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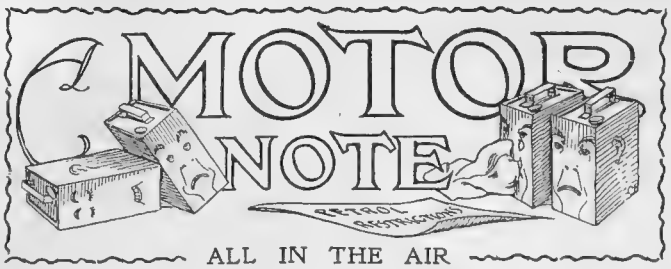

Aerial Activities

A well-known writer in what has come to be known as the Northcliffe Press (a very good advertising tag indeed), commenting upon the military situation, prefers to regard the prospect as by no means too bright. Incidentally, he touches upon the supremacy of the air, "which we have never really held." I prefer to believe, on the evidence available, that the military prospect was never so bright, and that the French and British C.I.C. and others in a position to judge were not lying on the several occasions when they reported, very definitely, that the Allied airmen had secured, *and* maintained, aerial supremacy. Certainly there have been very heavy losses on our side in this department just recently; and certainly it would seem that the German air arm has "come again" to very good purpose. Our casualties are doubtless due in considerable measure to the use of machines which are too slow; but doubtless also, as another Northcliffe writer has pointed out, we have a new aeroplane quite the equal of, if not better than, anything evolved during the winter on the German side.

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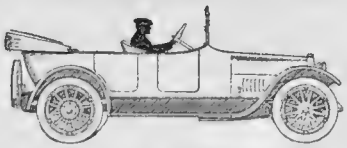

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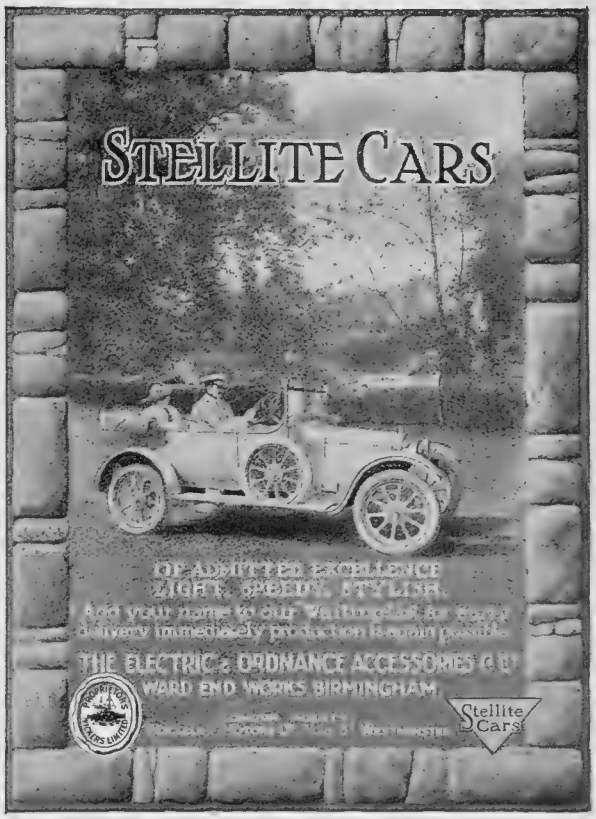

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road or field over which it passes. (Incidentally, "caterpillar" in connection with tractors, and, I suppose, "tanks," has been found to be as a copyright term, and the tractors, at any rate, are now being called "Lincolns.") In connection with the spring ploughing scheme undertaken by the Machinery and Implements Section of the Food Production Departments, this element of surprise has often manifested itself when the "Lincoln" tractor has been used. Farmers have been dubious about the damage to their land by such hefty machines passing over, and it has been necessary to expound a little upon weight distribution and bearing surfaces before they could be induced to take a non-existing risk. Generally speaking, of course, a "Lincoln" tractor will have less effect even upon light soils than a comparatively light ordinary tractor, for the obvious reason that the weight of the former is spread over the whole track in contact with the ground. This track being many times larger than the bearing surface of an ordinary tractor wheel, it can carry many times the weight without detriment to the surface of the ground or road covered.

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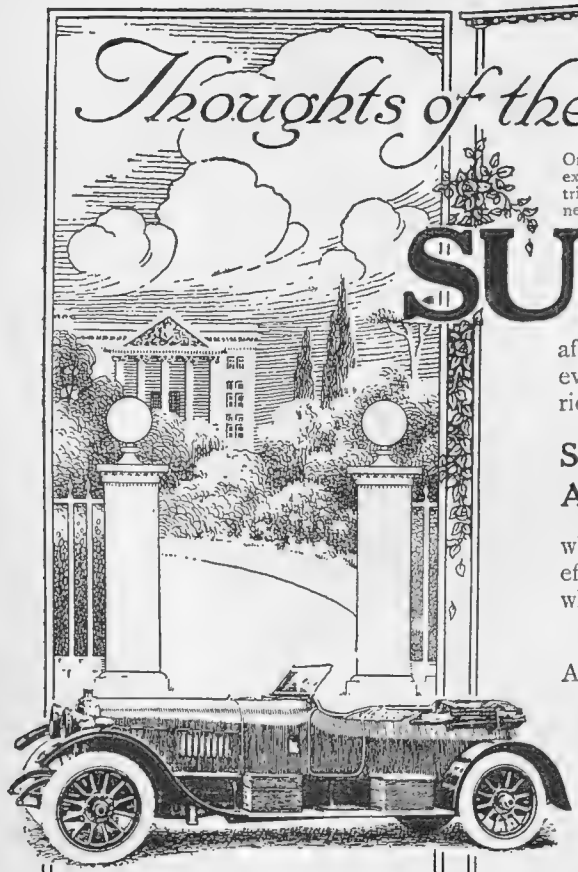

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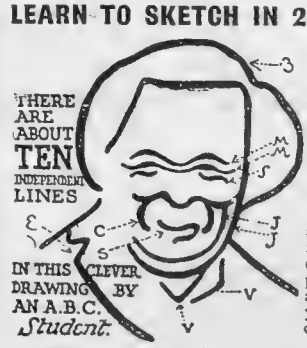

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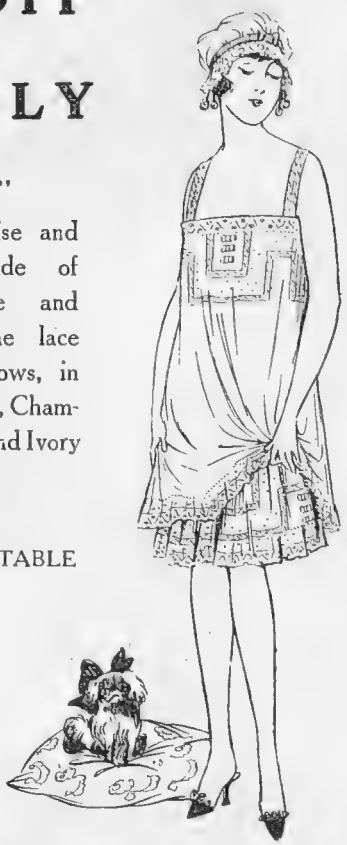

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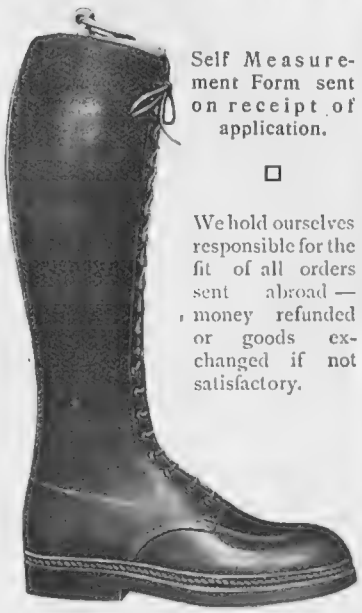

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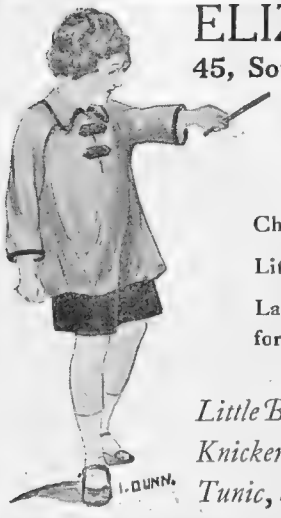

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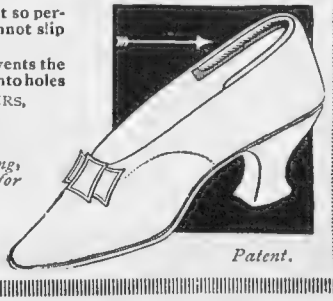

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The model sketched reveals one of Madame Barri's latest inspirations for a special occasion gown for evening wear, rendered particularly lovely by being expressed in a deep, rich wine-coloured *moire*, the hem of the skirt and deep swathed *ceinture* bodice bound with tarnished gold braid. The rest of the bodice is of flesh-coloured *tulle* veiled in gold net, a quaint shell flower in tender tones of blue imparting an *imprévu* finish to the waist. It is all as simple as simple can be, and yet essentially smart.

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SMART DINNER GOWN

Of wine-coloured brocade, at Madame Barri's. The hem of the skirt is bound with tarnished gold braid. The bodice has a band of the brocade drawn round the bust, and sleeves of tulle to match

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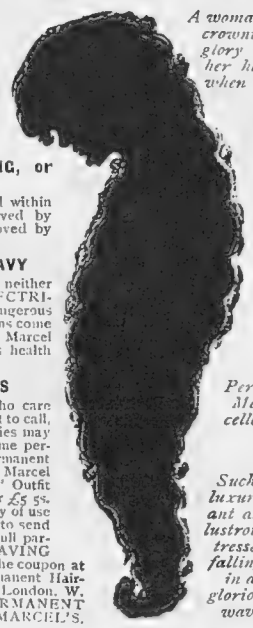

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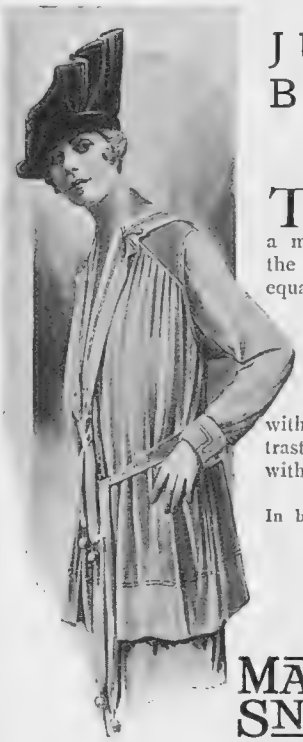

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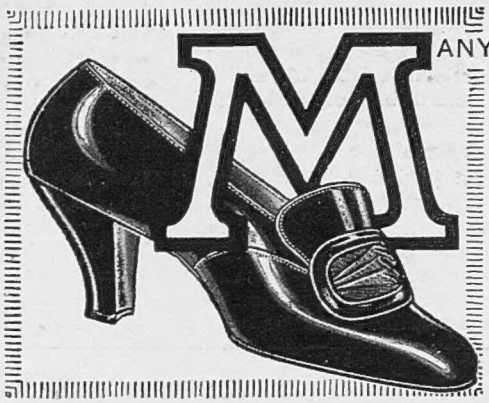

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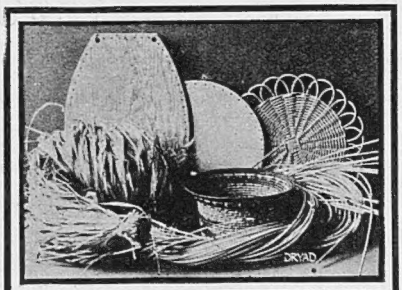

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A Salad of Cold Meat

Wash thoroughly ½ lb. of green corn, and cut a small beetroot into slices. Cut ½ lb. of cold meat, either beef or mutton, into small dice. Boil two eggs ten minutes, and cut one white and one whole one into slices. Chop two tablespoonfuls of parsley and one saltspoonful of onion. Reserve the sliced egg and part of the beetroot, and toss all the ingredients together. Rub one yolk of hard egg till smooth, add separately one large saltspoonful each of pepper, salt, sugar, and dry mustard, work each ingredient smooth before adding the next. Beat in one tablespoonful of vinegar and two of oil, adding the latter drop by drop to prevent curdling. Work the whole till it is thick, and stir in with the salad. Pile high in a dish and decorate with alternate pieces of beetroot and slices of egg.

A Savoury Meat Omelette

Break four eggs into a basin (omitting two whites), and beat them up, adding one large dessertspoonful of milk, a piece of butter, pepper, and salt. Put 2 oz. of butter or margarine into an omelette-pan, and as soon as it begins to bubble pour in the mixture, including the two whisked whites. Stir one way until the mixture thickens, and when the whole is set, fold the edges over to make it oval. Before doubling it over add some meat which has been put through the mincing-machine (about 2 oz.) mixed with one teaspoonful of onion and parsley and moistened with a little gravy. This makes a very nice addition to an omelette.

Devilled Collops

Cut some thin slices of beef or mutton ; brush them over on both sides with a thin mixture of chutney, mustard, pepper, and salt. Make thoroughly hot in the oven for about ten minutes, and serve with a little good gravy, a squeeze of lemon juice, and some swede chips.

Minced Veal with Savoury Rice

This can be made from the remainder of a joint of veal, and must be finely minced. For the white sauce, put an onion on to boil in water and any veal bones that may be left. Flavour with salt, pepper, and a bay leaf. Let it boil for about thirty minutes, then strain it into a basin, and put into the stewpan 1 oz. of margarine and blend smoothly with it 1 oz. of flour, now stir in the liquor and let it boil up, adding about a teacupful of milk, a strip of lemon-peel, and a pinch of nutmeg, also a little mace. The sauce ought to be nice and thick, and the minced veal must be put in to simmer on the stove or in a casserole in the oven. A few small sausages or little pieces of bacon as a garnish is an improvement. Boil ½ lb. of rice for a quarter of an hour, strain very dry, and put it into a stewpan with 2 oz. of margarine, and stir over the fire for five minutes. Dress the rice in a wall round a dish, and fill the centre with the mince.

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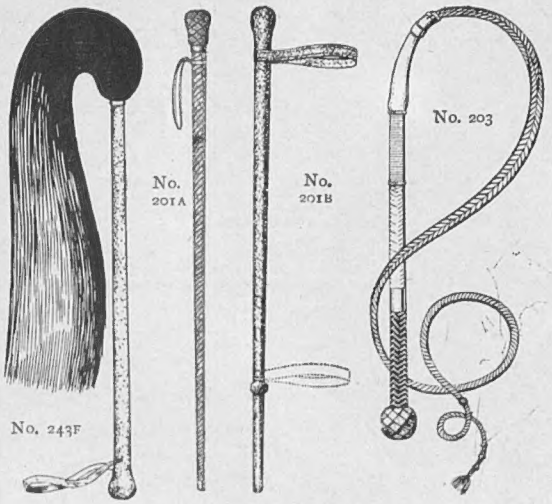

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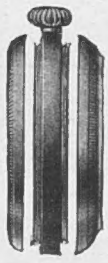

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